IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows:

On page 10, paragraph [0026]:

[0026] In a preferred embodiment, as generally described with respect to FIG. 1, the wireless consumer transaction system 200 of FIG. 2 is configured so as to facilitate point-of-sale transactions carried out at the point-of-sale system 261 which forms part of the wireless local area network 260. The wireless equipment **[[252]]** 253 of the wireless local area network 260 is preferably configured to detect the presence of a wireless handheld device 202 within the area of coverage (microcell) 250 of the wireless local area network 260 in any of a variety of manners. The wireless local area network 260 may then engage in a handshake type transaction with the wireless handheld device 202, the ultimate result of which is to provide a menu of options for a consumer transaction for presentation on a display portion of the wireless handheld device 202. As part of the handshake transaction, the wireless local area network 260 may obtain certain identifying or other information from the wireless handheld device 202, and then communicate with the remote processing center 240 in order to validate the wireless handheld device 202 and/or user thereof.

On pages 12-13, paragraph [0030]:

[0030] In step 513, the wireless handheld device 202 enters the range of microcell 250 and is detected by the wireless equipment 253 (or 353) of the wireless station 252 (or 352). For example, the wireless equipment 253 (or 353) may detect periodic re-registration or other sporadic communications between the wireless handheld device 202 and the base station 204. Alternatively, the cellular network 220 may be configured to notify the wireless local area network 260 that the particular wireless handheld device 202 is within cell 205, and the wireless equipment 252 (or 352) of the wireless local area network 260 (or 360) may attempt to page the wireless handheld device 202 periodically should the wireless handheld device 202 come within range (i.e., within microcell 250). The base station 204 may notify the wireless handheld device 202 to listen to a particular paging frequency or channel utilized by the wireless equipment **[[252 (or 352)]]** 253 (or 353) of the wireless local area networks 260 (or 360), or else, for example, the wireless equipment **[[252 (or 352)]]** 253 (or 353) may communicate with the wireless handheld device 202 using the base station 204 as an intermediary.

On pages 14-15, paragraph [0034]:

[0034] In a next step 550, the wireless equipment 253 (or 353) of the wireless station 252 (or 352) attempts to establish communication with the wireless handheld device 202 by, for example, emulating a base station control channel and/or overpowering the base station transmissions within the limited confines of the microcell 250 for the particular channels and/or frequencies utilized by the wireless handheld device 202. Alternatively, the wireless local area network 260 (or 360) may be configured to transmit a message to the cellular network 220, via the cellular network interface 380, requesting that the base station 204 issue a page to the wireless handheld device 202 assigning it a particular channel and/or frequency band utilized by the wireless equipment 252 (or 352) of the wireless station **[[253 (or 353)]]** 252 (or 352), for facilitating the establishment of communication between the wireless handheld device 202 and the wireless local area network 260 (or 360).

On pages 31-32, paragraph [0060]:

[0001] As yet another application of the wireless techniques described above, the wireless local area network 260 may be used for servicing reservations at, for example, a restaurant. When a user enters the range of the microcell 250 associated with the wireless local area network 260, the

user's wireless handheld device 202 is automatically prompted by the wireless local area network 260 according to the techniques previously described herein. The user may be prompted to enter a request for a reservation and the local restaurant (or other establishment) and a desired reservation time, using the keypad or other interface mechanism of the wireless handheld device 202. The wireless local area network **[[202]]** 260 then receives and records the user's desired reservation time. If the reservation time is not available, the user may be so notified and asked to select a different time. When the appointed time has arrived or the user's table is ready, the wireless local area network 260 may automatically page the user's wireless handheld device 202. The user may therefore be free to roam anyplace within microcell 250 while waiting for the reserved table. A restaurant using this approach need not hand out special pagers to customers, but instead can rely on the customers' own wireless devices, thus reducing the risk that the specialized pagers are lost or stolen. Nonetheless, the restaurant may also intermix the techniques by giving specialized pagers to customers lacking a wireless handheld device. In such a case, the specialized pagers preferably are configured to communicate with the wireless local area network 260.